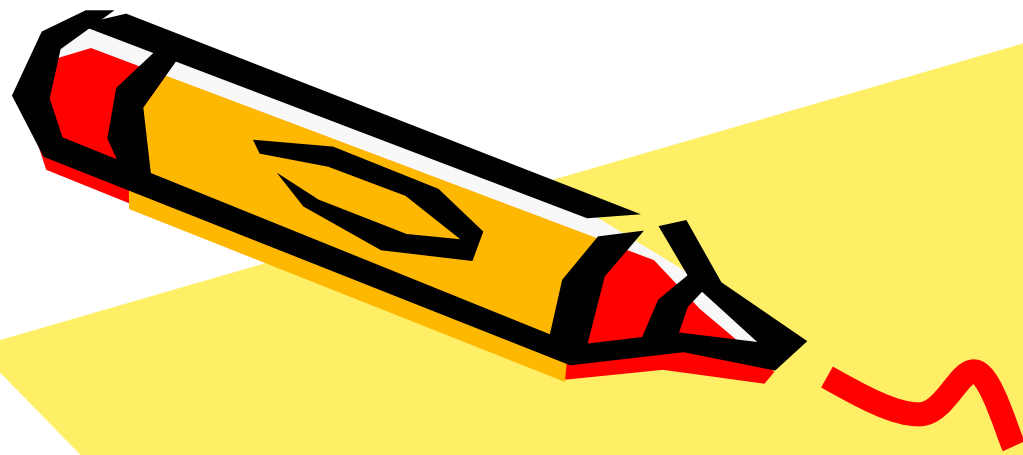


Sunny Start

Healthy Bodies
Healthy Minds





The Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Project

Strategic Planning Process



State Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative



- Goal:
 - To plan and implement a more comprehensive and coordinated system of services for young children;
 - Build on existing initiatives; and
 - Develop strategies that cross all outcomes and system components.



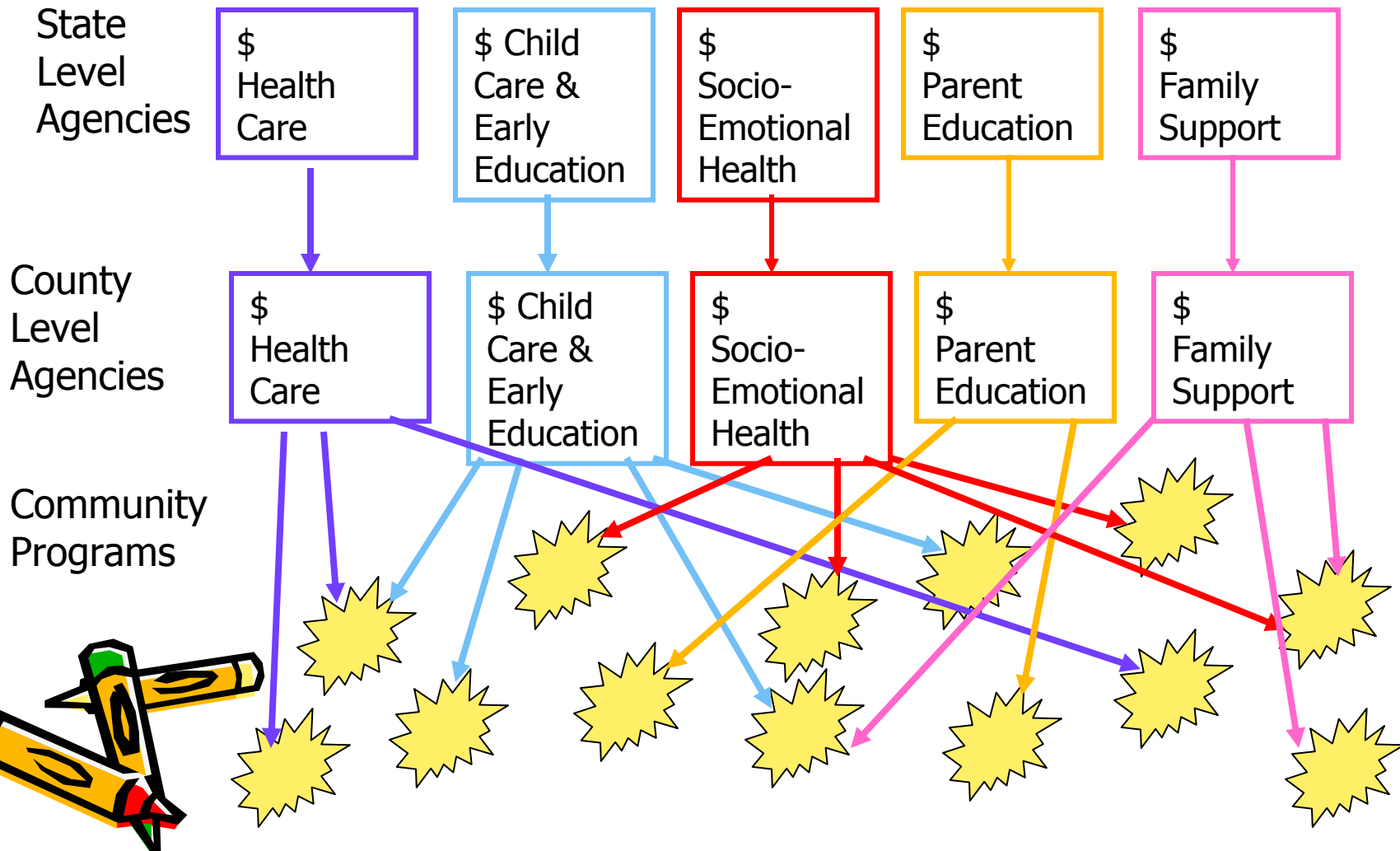
State Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative



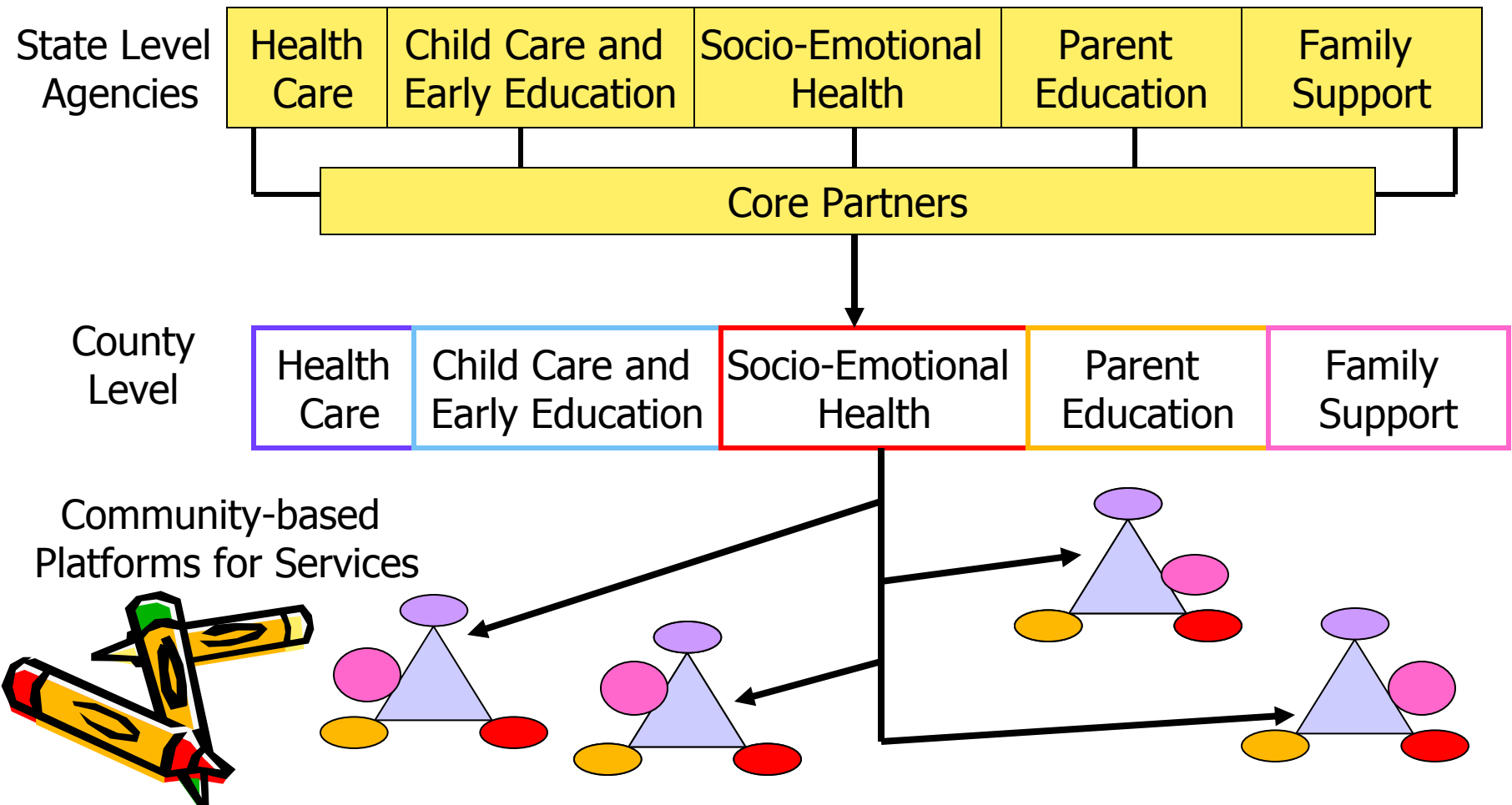
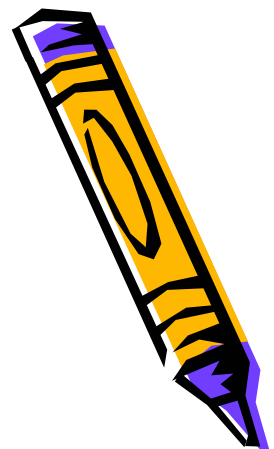
- Five Components:
 - Medical Home
 - Early Care and Education
 - Mental Health & Social/Emotional Development
 - Family Support
 - Parent Education



Where Are We Now?



Where Are We Going



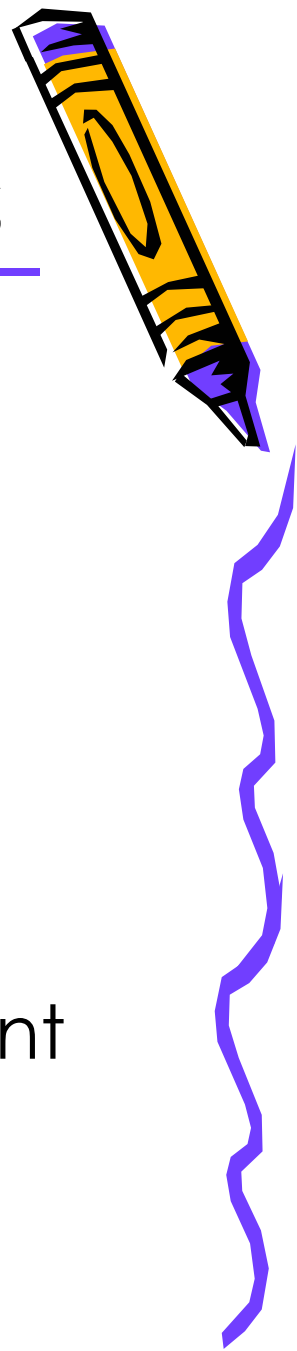
Engagement of Stakeholders

- Core Partners (37 members/28 state agencies, professional and community organizations)
- Component Subcommittees
 - Access to Insurance/Medical Home (19 members)
 - Infant Mental Health (22 members)
 - Early Care and education (26 members)
 - Family Support (20 members)
 - Parenting Education (23 members)



Engagement of Stakeholders

- Community Dialogues
 - Twelve dialogues conducted in six communities
 - 165 participants
- Focused Planning Meetings
 - Three meetings
 - 53 participants representing 35 different entities



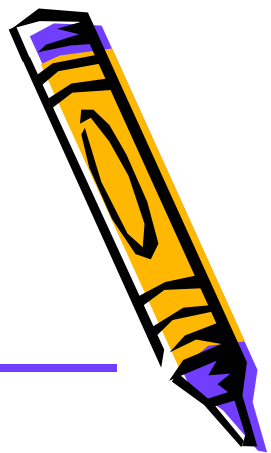
Vision

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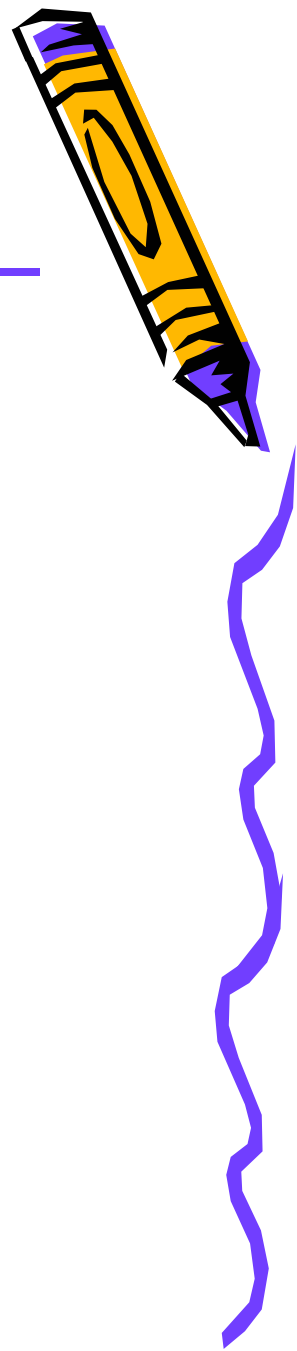


Mission

The ECCS Core Partners are leaders in the implementation of coordinated systems of care for young children birth through five and their families



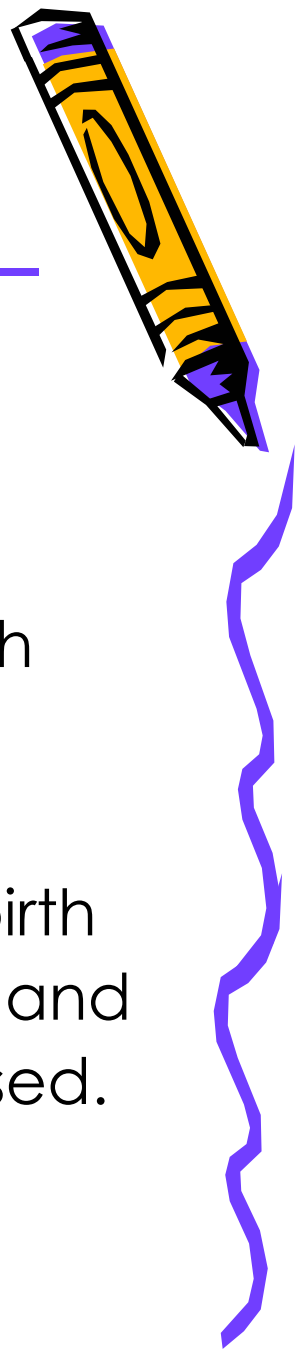
Service Standards



- Outcome Focused
- Culturally Competent and Responsive
- Family Centered
- Proactive and Responsive
- Universally Accessible
- Evidence Based



Outcomes



- Young children birth through five and their families are a policy, program and resource priority.
- Every family with young children birth through five has access to quality, comprehensive resources and supports
- Resources and supports for young children birth through five are coordinated, cost effective and linguistically competent and community-based.



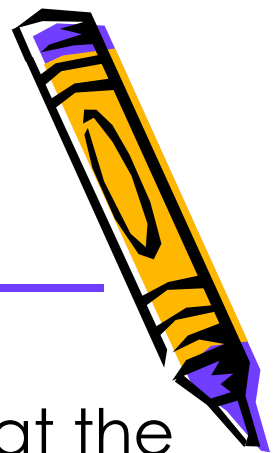


Priority Objectives Across All Outcomes

- All children in Indiana will have a medical home
- All children will be covered by a source of payment, whether public or private, for medical and developmental services that are identified by the medical home
- The medical home will facilitate developmental, behavioral and mental health screening with appropriate treatment and referrals to community resources.



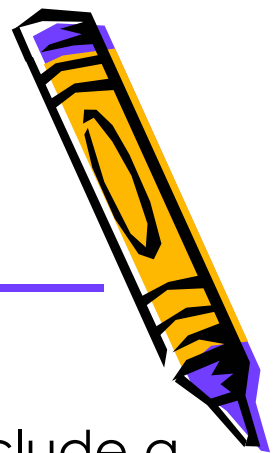
Priority Objectives Across All Outcomes (continued)



- Establishment of a central clearinghouse for information regarding resources and supports at the state and local level for families and providers.
- Quality and unduplicated resources and supports are integrated to create a coordinated, accessible early childhood system.
- Parents have information, support and knowledge about child development and are able to assess their child's progress.
- Families have timely access to resources and supports to address their child's health, safety and developmental needs.



Objective 1: All children in Indiana will have a medical home



- **Strategies:**

- Child care voucher applications will be revised to include a request for medical home information for each child who receives subsidized care.
- Children who are in the foster care system will have a medical passport
- Children screened for mental health and/or seeking immunizations will be asked if they have a medical home.
- The development of a universal application form will include information on a medical home



Objective 2: All children will be covered by a source of payment, whether public or private, for medical and developmental services that are identified by the medical home.



- **Strategies:**

- The Child Care Voucher Application process will support access to Hoosier Healthwise (Medicaid/SCHIP).
- The combined enrollment process utilized by Early Intervention, MCH and CSHCS will be strengthened to include questions related to Hoosier Healthwise recertification.
- CSHCS will develop a web application for enrollment
- Indiana will adopt a universal application process for enrollment in early childhood supports and services



Objective 3: The medical home will facilitate developmental, behavioral and mental health screening with appropriate treatment and referrals to community resources.

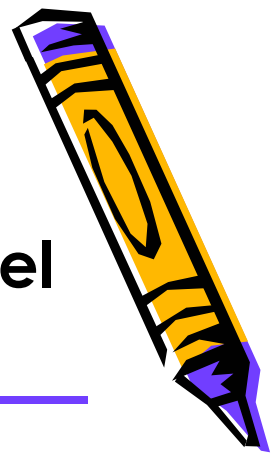


- **Strategies:**

- Young children will be screened for social emotional development status.
- An outreach program to providers will be implemented statewide regarding the information clearinghouse of community resources to enhance appropriate referral/treatment.
- Personnel preparation efforts will be increased to recruit qualified early childhood mental health providers.



Objective 4: A central clearinghouse will be established that includes information about resources and supports at the state and local level for families of young children.



- **Strategies:**

- The Early Childhood Meeting Place web site will be expanded to include families.
- A Universal Application will be developed as a resource on the Early Childhood Meeting Place to allow providers and families access to information regarding the public support systems they may be eligible for.



Objective 5: Quality resources and supports are integrated to create a coordinated accessible early childhood system



- **Strategies:**

- The Core Partners will continue to guide ECCS activities
- Core Partners will promote leadership within their respective agencies and organizations
- Indiana will implement a Universal Application.
- Training and technical assistance will be coordinated.
- National Quality Standards will be implemented in early care settings.



Objective 6: Parents have the necessary information, support and knowledge about child development and are able to recognize their child's progress.



- **Strategies:**

- Selected resources about child development will be used with and by parents to educate families about child development.
- An electronic version of a developmental calendar for children 0-5 will be created.
- The Early Childhood Meeting Place will be marketed as a central source of information about child development.
- Families have a meaningful role in the development of policies and programs at the state and local level.



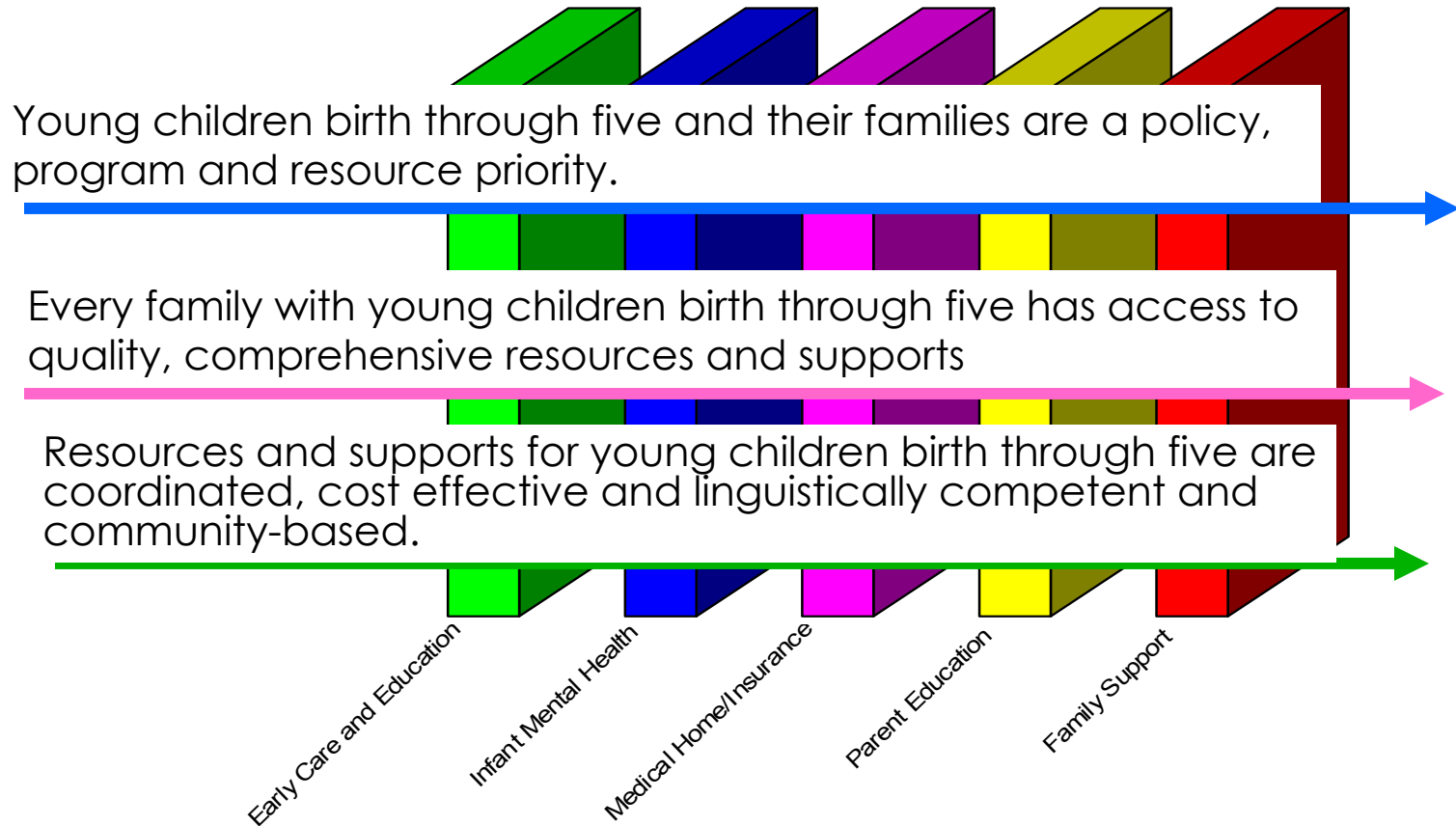
Objective 7: Families have timely access to resources and supports to address their child's health, safety, and developmental needs.

- **Strategies:**

- The Early Childhood Meeting Place will maintain current information about resources related to children's health safety and development.
- Child Care Health Consultants will educate child care providers regarding health, safety and development.
- Training and technical assistance will be readily available and affordable to families throughout the state.
- Training and technical assistance will be provided to those serving young children and their families
- The application process for resources and supports will be efficient so families are able to access the resources and supports they need in a timely manner.



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Current Initiatives



- Universal Application System
- Social Emotional Training Initiative
- Information Clearinghouse
- Child Care Report



Universal Application System



- Indiana WINS
- Based on Utah Clicks
- Working with FSSA on a pilot program in Muncie
- First tier includes TANF, Medicaid and Food Stamps
- The second tier will include MCH programs



Social Emotional Training Initiative



- Facilitate the development of a consistent approach to training and T.A.in the area of social and emotional development.
- Individuals and agencies that develop and provide training for providers on social and emotional development will meet.
- A national expert in the area of infant and toddler development will facilitate the meeting to develop a set of core principles to support a unified approach.



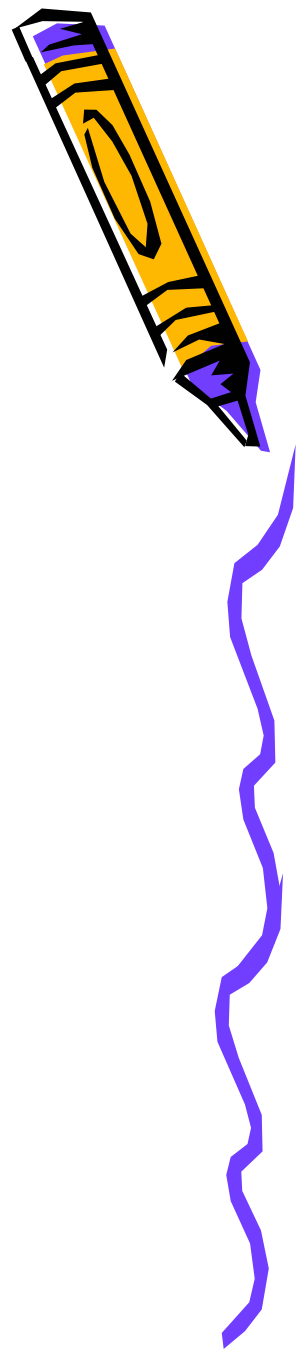
Information Clearinghouse



- Early Childhood Meeting Place (ECMP)
- <http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu/>
- Currently has information about trainings, resources and news for providers.
- In the future, it will include community information for parents of young children.
- Local resources will establish accounts and maintain the information themselves.



Child Care Report



- Indiana Child Care Fund
- <http://www.inchildcarefund.org/>
- Economic Dimensions of the Child Care Industry in Indiana

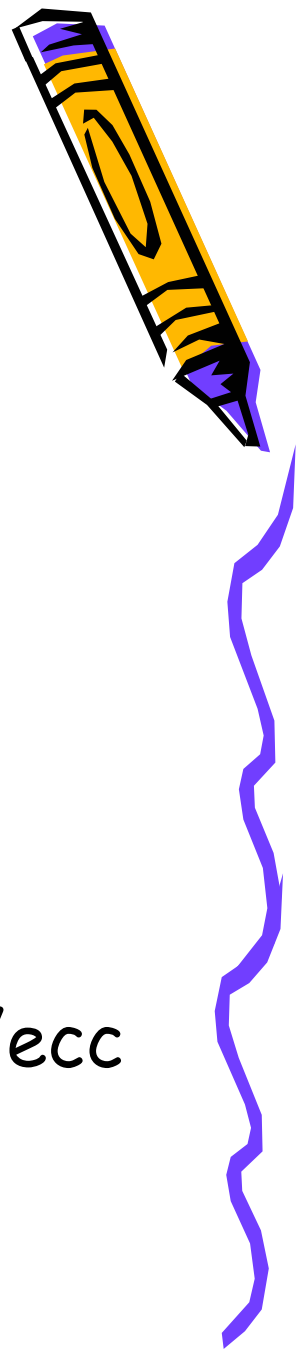


Child Care Report Recommendations



- Incorporate child care as a formal economic development component in state and local planning
- Create incentives for employers to promote and support the child care industry
- Promote increased quality in the child care industry
- Increase accessibility to quality programs





- <http://www.in.gov/isdh/programs/mch/eccs/eccsindex.htm>



